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Dear Mr. Swenson:

December 28, 2012

RE:

Addendum to Indiana's 2012 Integrated Report and 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

This letter accompanies IDEM's submission of an addendum to its 2012 Integrated Report and 303(d) List of Impaired Waters submitted to U.S. EPA on April 1, 2012. At that time, the state-mandated public comment period on Indiana's draft 2012 303(d) was still underway. IDEM is submitting this addendum now in keeping with U.S. EPA guidance (U.S. EPA, 2006), which recommends that states provide a summary of comments received along with the state's responses. This addendum will become Appendix I of Indiana's 2012 Integrated Report and includes the following:

- Full text copies of all public comments received on the 2012 303(d) list and the Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology used to develop it as well as the following additional information regarding changes made to the 303(d) list since it's submission on April 1:
- A summary of the public comments received on the 2012 303(d) list and CALM published on February 8, 2012 and IDEM's responses;
- IDEM's responses to U.S. EPA comments on Indiana's 2012 Integrated Report and 2012 303(d) list, which were received on May 31, 2012;
- A discussion of recent revisions to the 2012 303(d) list and IDEM's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) based on comments provided by the public and U.S. EPA;
- Additional changes to the 2012 303(d) list based on changes to IDEM's methods for evaluating total mercury in fish tissue data and a revised CALM that describes those changes;
- A revised version of Attachment 3 to IDEM's 303(d) list submitted to U.S. EPA on April 1, 2012, which provides updated segmentation information for a number of previously approved TMDLs, and;
- An updated 303(d) list that reflects all the changes made since IDEM submitted its 2012 303(d) list to U.S. EPA on April 1, 2012.

We look forward to receiving U.S. EPA's formal decision regarding the disposition of Indiana's 2010 303(d) list and have provided U.S. EPA to facilitate its review and approval process for the 2012 303(d) list to the extent now possible. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Arthur (317-308-3179) or me (317-308-3235).

Sincerely,

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